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Programme of meetings and agenda

Scheduled official meetings

Friday, 19 September 2003

Security Council

10.30 a.m. (sharp) . . . . 4829th meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Sierra Leone

   Nineteenth report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone (S/2003/863)

Morning[1] . . . . . 4830th meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Liberia

   Report of the Secretary-General to the Security Council on Liberia (S/2003/875)

Morning[2] . . . . . 4831st meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Consideration of the draft report of the Security Council to the General Assembly

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the 4829th meeting.
[2] To be held following the adjournment of the 4830th meeting.

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

10.30 a.m. . . . . . 2nd plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

Organization of work of the fifty-eighth regular session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: first report of the General Committee (A/58/250)

03-49530

Tenth emergency special session

Morning[1] . . . . . 20th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

Illegal Israeli actions in Occupied East Jerusalem and the rest of the Occupied Palestinian Territory: draft resolution (A/ES-10/L.12) . . . . . [5]

[1] Immediately following the adjournment of the 2nd plenary meeting.

Investments Committee

9 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

3–6 p.m. . . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board
Second regular session 2003

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . . 9th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

1. Adoption of decisions
2. Closing of the session: remarks by the Executive Director and the President of the Executive Board . . . . . [19]

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

General debate
(23–26 September 2003, 29 September–3 October 2003)

The provisional list of speakers (No. 4) for the general debate of the fifty-eighth regular session of the General Assembly is now available at the General Assembly Affairs Branch (rooms S-2925 and S-2940B). The provisional list of speakers (No. 4) has also been sent by fax directly to the permanent missions (Office of the Permanent Representative).

Delegations are reminded that in accordance with the practice at recent sessions of the General Assembly, a voluntary 15-minute time limit should be observed during the general debate. The list of speakers was prepared on the basis of this 15-minute time limit. To help speakers in the general debate respect the time limit, a mechanism will be installed at the rostrum of the General Assembly Hall.

The general debate will be webcast live and archived for on-demand viewing at www.un.org/webcast.

Delegations are invited to send in advance by e-mail the electronic version of the text of their statements in the general debate, in one of the official languages of the United Nations, to webcast@un.org for posting on the General Assembly Web site.

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development [106 (b) of the provisional agenda] (29–30 October 2003)

Inscriptions for Member States wishing to participate in the ministerial-level round tables

Delegations wishing to participate in any of eight ministerial-level round tables to be held in the context of the High-level Dialogue, on Wednesday, 29 October 2003, are kindly requested to come in person to the List of Speakers area of the General Assembly Affairs Branch (room S-2940) to inscribe.

Delegations are reminded that the list of participants in the round tables will be established on a first-come, first-served basis, and that each round table may have a maximum of 7 participants from African States, 7 participants from Asian States, 3 participants from Eastern European States, 5 participants from Latin American and Caribbean States and 4 participants from Western European and other States. Member States that are not members of any regional group may participate in the round tables (resolution 57/250 of 20 December 2002 and letter from the President of the General Assembly to Member States dated 7 May 2003, on organizational matters).

Other meetings

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Friday, 19 September 2003

Asian Group

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

League of Arab States ***(Sixth Committee matters)***

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Group of 77 ***(on Second Committee issues and the draft Ministerial Declaration)***

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

Group of 77 ***(agenda item 96: Environment and sustainable development)***

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

Southern African Development Community (SADC) *(at the Third Committee expert level)*

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Open-ended informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "Enhancing Capacity-building of Global Public Health" (item 61) (organized by the Permanent Mission of China)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm.

Friday, 19 September 2003

Room S-226

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesman

Forthcoming official meetings

Monday, 22 September 2003

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

10 a.m. . . . . 3rd plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

Follow-up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS: High-level plenary meetings devoted to the follow-up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session and the implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS: report of the Secretary-General (A/58/184)

Address by His Excellency The Right Honourable Owen Arthur, Prime Minister of Barbados

Address by His Excellency Mr. John Agyekum Kufuor, President of the Republic of Ghana

Address by His Excellency Mr. Abdoulaye Wade, President of the Republic of Senegal

Address by His Excellency Mr. Robert Gabriel Mugabe, President of the Republic of Zimbabwe

Address by His Excellency The Right Honourable Pakalitha Bethuel Mosisili, Prime Minister and Minister for Defence and Public Service of the Kingdom of Lesotho

Address by His Excellency Mr. Jorge Fernando Branco de Sampaio, President of the Portuguese Republic

Address by His Excellency Mr. Marc Ravalomanana, President of the Republic of Madagascar

Address by His Excellency Mr. Leonid Kuchma, President of Ukraine

Address by His Excellency Mr. Olusegun Obasanjo, President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

Address by His Excellency Mr. Jacques Chirac, President of the French Republic

Address by His Excellency General-Major Joseph Kabila, President of the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Address by His Excellency Mr. Abel Pacheco de la Espriella, President of the Republic of Costa Rica

Address by His Excellency Mr. Abdelaziz Bouteflika, President of the People's Democractic Republic of Algeria

Address by His Excellency Mr. Alberto Chissano, President of the Republic of Mozambique

Address by His Excellency Mr. Pascal Couchepin, President of the Swiss Confederation

Address by His Excellency Dr. Jan Peter Balkenende, Prime Minister and Minister for General Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands

Address by His Excellency Mr. Domitien Ndayizeye, President of the Republic of Burundi

Address by His Excellency Hedayat Amin Arsala, Vice-President of Afghanistan

Belgium

Luxembourg

Uganda

Italy

New Zealand

Gabon

United Republic of Tanzania

Mexico

Australia

Kazakhstan

Tunisia

Brazil

3 p.m. . . . . 4th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

Follow-up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS: High-level plenary meetings devoted to the follow-up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session and the implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS: report of the Secretary-General (A/58/184)

United States of America

Islamic Republic of Iran

Indonesia

Pakistan

Namibia

Philippines

Guyana

Morocco

Denmark

Iceland

Norway

Address by His Excellency Mr. Arnold Rüütel, President of the Republic of Estonia

Cuba

South Africa

Chile

Sudan

Ecuador

Cape Verde

Kenya

Sweden

Ireland

Austria

Canada

Burkina Faso

Slovenia

Malaysia

Cameroon

Angola

Niger

Bahamas

Germany

Russian Federation

Paraguay

Venezuela

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Botswana

Argentina

Benin

Sierra Leone

Finland

Japan

Zambia

Cyprus

Croatia

Malawi

Ethiopia

India

Dominican Republic

Bangladesh

Greece

Bolivia

Côte d'Ivoire

Congo

Peru

Mauritius

Malta

Romania

Spain

Lithuania

Serbia and Montenegro

Cambodia

Guinea

Sri Lanka

Trinidad and Tobago

Czech Republic

China

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Thailand

Viet Nam

El Salvador

Syrian Arab Republic

Belarus

Grenada

Djibouti

Oman

Poland

Swaziland

Tonga

Israel

Republic of Moldova

Belize

Bahrain

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

Marshall Islands

Jamaica

Nepal

Uruguay

Libyan Arab Jamahiriya

Republic of Korea

United Arab Emirates

Liechtenstein

Bulgaria

San Marino

Colombia

Lao People's Democratic Republic

Myanmar

Albania

Eritrea

Guatemala

Nicaragua

Holy See

International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Sovereign Military Order of Malta

European Community

3.30–5 p.m. . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

High level informal interactive panel discussion

[The high level informal interactive panel discussion, under the auspices of the Office of the President of the General Assembly and chaired by the Secretary General, aims at providing a strategic vision to accelerate action against HIV/AIDS by focusing on three main challenges: addressing stigma and discrimination; engaging civil society, including the business sector; and mobilizing resources.

Participants will include Heads of State or Government, ministers and high-level government representatives; the Executive Director of UNAIDS; and as special guests, the representative of the Global Fund to Fight HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria; Archbishop Desmond Tutu, South Africa; and Mr. Tarun Das, Director-General of the Confederation of Indian Industry; as well as representatives of AIDS service organizations and the community of people living with HIV/AIDS.]

Special Political and Decolonization (Fourth) Committee

The Special Political and Decolonization (Fourth) Committee will hold its first meeting on Monday, 29 September 2003, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The agenda will be as follows: (a) Election of Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur; and (b) Organization of work (A/C.4/58/1[1] and A/C.4/58/L.1[1]).

This Committee will begin its substantive work on Monday, 6 October 2003, at 3 p.m. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers for the general debate relating to decolonization items, which will begin on Monday, 6 October 2003 (see document A/C.4/58/L.1[1]) are kindly requested to notify Ms. Catherina Dakay, (room S-2977; tel. 1 (212) 963-9223).

Delegations are also reminded that the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are to be submitted to Mr. Saijin Zhang, Secretary of the Committee (room S-2977K, fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

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[1] To be issued.

Second Committee

The Second Committee will hold its first meeting on Wednesday, 1 October 2003, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3, to elect its Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur and to consider its proposed organizations of work as contained in A/C.2/58/L.1[1]. The Committee will also begin its general debate on Monday, 6 October 2003 at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The Under-Secretary-General, Mr. José Antonio Ocampo, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will make a statement. The list of speakers for the general debate, and all other items allocated to the Second Committee, *will be open at 10 a.m. on 25 September 2003.* Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Maria Thompson (tel. 1 (212) 963-2183; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

[1] To be issued.

Third Committee

The Third Committee will hold its organizational meeting on Monday, 29 September 2003, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3, to elect its Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur and to consider its proposed organization of work as contained in document A/C.3/58/L.1[1]. The Committee will also begin its consideration of items 107 (Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly), 108 (Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family) and 109 (Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing), on Monday, 6 October, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. The list of speakers for the general discussion on all items allocated to the Third Committee will be open on Monday, 29 September 2003. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Mr. Alexandre De Barros or Mrs. Lydia Bawar (tel. 1 (212) 963-2320 and 963-5973; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Delegations are also requested to submit the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers to Mr. Alexandre De Barros, Secretary of the Committee (room S-2950G; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

[1] To be issued.

Fifth Committee

The organizational meeting of the main part of the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session will be held on Tuesday, 30 September 2003, at 10 a.m., in Conference Room 3. A note by the Secretariat on the status of preparedness of documentation will be issued shortly as document A/C.5/58/L.1.

Sixth Committee

Informal open-ended consultations on the organization of work of the Sixth Committee will take place on Monday, 22 September 2003, at 11 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. For the preliminary draft programme of work of the Committee, please visit the Web site of the Sixth Committee (www.un.org/law/cod/sixth/index.html).

Other forthcoming meetings

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Group of 77 *(Fifteenth Annual Meeting of Senior Officials)*

The Fifteenth Annual Meeting of Senior Officials of the Group of 77 will be held on Wednesday, 24 September 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Group of 77 *(Twenty-seventh Annual Meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs)*

The Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Member States of the Group of 77 will hold their Twenty-seventh Annual Meeting on Thursday, 25 September 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

UNITAR briefing

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a briefing by Mr. Eduardo A. Doryan, Special Representative of the World Bank to the United Nations, and Mr. Reinhard Munzberg, Special Representative of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to the United Nations, on the results of the meetings of the International Monetary and Financial Committee and the Development Committee, which will be held in Dubai on 21 and 22 September 2003. This briefing, to be conducted in English, will be held on Thursday, 2 October 2003, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all permanent missions in New York. The registration deadline is Thursday, 25 September. For further information, please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684 or 963-9196).

Announcements

General Assembly

Statements for the debate in the plenary

Statements in the debate in plenary shall be limited to five minutes. To facilitate the observance of the time limit, a light system installed on the lectern will signal the approach of the five-minute limit.

A minimum of 30 copies of the text of statements to be delivered in the debate in plenary should be submitted in advance to the Secretariat; failing this, delegations are urged to provide interpreters with six copies (for interpretation into the six other official languages) before the speaker takes the floor. If delegations wish to have the text of statements distributed to all delegations, observers, specialized agencies, interpreters, record-writers and press officers, 350 copies are required.

The general debate will be webcast live and archived for on-demand viewing at www.un.org/webcast.

Delegations are invited to send in advance by e-mail the electronic version of the text of their statements in the general debate, in one of the official languages of the United Nations, to webcast@un.org for posting on the General Assembly Web site.

Given the security arrangements in place for the high-level plenary meetings devoted to the follow-up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session, texts of statements to be made in plenary meetings will have to be delivered to a receiving area in the General Assembly Hall between the hours of 7 and 8.30 a.m. by a delegation representative in possession of a valid grounds pass. Access will be through the 46th Street gate to the Visitors' Entrance, through the electronic screening area and then to the second floor, where a representative of the Secretariat will accept the texts at a special counter. Only texts of statements to be made that same day will be accepted.

Delegations wishing to make their statements available to the press should bring a minimum of 100 copies to the Media Centre, in the first basement, and 100 copies to the documents distribution counter in the third floor press area. No copying facilities will be available for these statements.

Documentation

Only official documents of the high-level plenary meetings devoted to the follow-up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session bearing General Assembly document symbols and texts of statements to be delivered in plenary meetings will be distributed in the General Assembly Hall. All other materials should be placed on a table on the West Side of the Hall provided for this purpose.

Credentials of representatives to the fifty-eighth session

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-eighth session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5358; room S-3420A).

Programme of work

Copies of the draft proposed programmes of work of the First Committee and the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) are available in room S-2977.

Copies of the draft proposed programmes of work of the Second Committee and the Third Committees are available in room S-2950.

Facilities for bilateral consultations

Facilities are available for bilateral consultations during this period. For further information, interested delegations may refer to Note Verbale No. 03-204 or contact the Meetings Servicing Unit (tel. 1 (212) 963-2643).

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Thursday, 4 September 2003, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the

Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Summary of meetings

Wednesday, 17 September 2003

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

General Committee

1st meeting

Organization of the fifty-eighth regular session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: memorandum by the Secretary-General (A/BUR/58/1, A/BUR/58/1/Corr.1 (English only) and A/BUR/58/Add.1)

Section I

The General Committee took note of paragraphs 3 and 4 of the memorandum.

Organization of the session (Section II)

Section II.A

The General Committee took note of paragraph 5 of the memorandum on rule 40 of the rules of procedure as well as document A/56/1005 pertaining to the functions of the Committee.

The General Committee took note of paragraph 6 of the memorandum concerning the designation by each Vice-President, at the outset of each session, of a liaison person for the duration of the session.

Section II.B

The General Committee took note of paragraph 7 of the memorandum regarding resolutions of the General Assembly and a report of the Secretary-General relating to the administrative and financial functioning of the Organization.

The General Committee took note of paragraph 8 of the memorandum regarding an assessment of the debate on the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization.

The General Committee decided to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 9 of the memorandum concerning the Main Committees.

Section II.C

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the fifty-eighth session should recess on Tuesday, 16 December 2003 and close on Monday, 13 September 2004.

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that, during the main part of the session, the First Committee, the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (the Fourth Committee) and the Sixth Committee complete their work by Friday, 7 November, the Third Committee by Friday, 21 November, the Second Committee by Friday, 5 December and the Fifth Committee by Tuesday, 9 December 2003.

Section II.D

The General Committee was informed that Malawi was the first delegation in the seating protocol of the General Assembly and the Main Committees.

Section II.E

The General Committee took note of paragraphs 14 and 15 of the memorandum regarding meeting hours at Headquarters, and measures to reduce costs relating to overtime.

In connection with paragraph 16 of the memorandum, the General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that, in accordance with past practice, it should waive the requirement that at least one third of the members of the Assembly in the case of plenary Meetings and one quarter of the members of a Main Committee in the case of Main Committee meetings be present in order to declare a meeting open and to permit the debate to proceed.

Section II.F

The General Committee decided to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraphs 17 and 18 of the memorandum regarding the general debate.

Section II.G

The General Committee decided to draw the attention of the General Assembly to the rules of procedure of the General Assembly mentioned in paragraph 19 of the memorandum.

The General Committee decided to draw the attention of the General Assembly to the provisions contained in paragraph 20 of the memorandum dealing with explanations of vote and rights of reply.

The General Committee decided to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 21 of the memorandum dealing with points of order.

The General Committee decided to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 22 of the memorandum dealing with the length of statements.

The General Committee decided to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 23 of the memorandum dealing with concluding statements.

Section II.H

The General Committee took note of paragraph 24 on verbatim and summary records.

The General Committee decided to draw the attention of the Assembly to paragraph 25 on reproducing statements *in extenso*.

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly what was contained in paragraph 26 concerning records of meetings.

Section II.I

The General Committee decided to bring to the attention of the General Assembly the information in paragraph 27 relating to resolutions.

The General Committee took note of paragraph 28 dealing with the electronic and paper submission of draft resolutions and decided to draw the paragraph to the attention of the Assembly.

Section II.J

The General Committee decided to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraphs 29 to 32 of the memorandum concerning documentation.

Section II.K

The General Committee decided to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraphs 33 to 37 of the memorandum dealing with the programme budget and conference services implications of proposals.

Section II.L

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the suggestions of the Secretary-General contained in paragraph 38 concerning the format and the length of statements in observances and commemorative meetings.

Section II.M

The General Committee decided to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 39 of the memorandum concerning special conferences.

Observations on the organization of the work of the General Assembly (Section III)

The General Committee decided to bring to the attention of the General Assembly the information contained in paragraphs 40 and 41 of the memorandum.

Adoption of the agenda (Section IV)

The General Committee took note of paragraph 44 of the memorandum regarding periodic reviews of the agenda.

The General Committee took note of paragraph 45 of the memorandum on the possibility of deferring consideration of some items to later session.

The General Committee took note of paragraph 46 of the memorandum regarding the granting of observer status in the General Assembly.

Items 1 to 3

The General Committee took note that the General Assembly had already dealt with items 1 to 3 of the draft agenda.

Items 4 to 22

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include these items in the agenda.

Items 24 to 28

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include these items in the agenda.

Item 29

The General Committee decided to defer its consideration of the inclusion of this item to a later date.

Items 30 to 91

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include these items in the agenda.

Item 92

Statements were made by the representatives of Senegal and Luxembourg.

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that consideration of this item be deferred to the fifty-ninth session of the Assembly and that it be included in the provisional agenda of that session.

Items 93 to 162

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include these items in the agenda.

Item 163

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include this item in the agenda.

Item 164

The General Committee decided to invite the representative of Tunisia, at his request, to take a seat at the Committee's table.

In accordance with rule 43 of the rules of procedure, the representative of Tunisia made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Bangladesh, Yemen, Morocco, Senegal, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Netherlands, Madagascar, Cameroon, the United Kingdom, the Czech Republic and Finland.

The General Committee decided to invite the representatives of Switzerland, Lebanon, Gabon, Cuba, Algeria and Egypt, at their request, to take a seat at the Committee's table.

Statements were made by the representatives of Switzerland, Lebanon, Gabon, Cuba, Algeria and Egypt.

The General Committee decided to defer its consideration of the inclusion of this item, pending consultations.

Item 165

The General Committee decided to invite the representative of Kazakhstan, at his request, to take a seat at the Committee's table.

In accordance with rule 43 of the rules of procedure, the representative of Kazakhstan (also on behalf of Belarus, Kyrgyzstan, and the Russian Federation and Tajikistan) made a statement.

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include this item in the agenda.

Item 166

In accordance with rule 43 of the rules of procedure, the representative of the Gambia made a statement.

The representative of China made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, Bangladesh, Morocco, Tajikistan, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Myanmar, Yemen, Cameroon and Senegal.

In accordance with rule 43 of the rules of procedure, statements were made by the representatives of Chad, Sao Tome and Principe, Dominica, Swaziland, Belize, Salomon Islands, Palau and Burkina Faso.

The General Committee decided to invite the representatives of Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Argentina, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Cyprus, Guinea, Mozambique, Sri Lanka, Djibouti, Egypt, Jamaica, Mauritius, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, the Syrian Arab Republic, Chile, Venezuela, Spain, the Congo, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Marshall Islands, Serbia and Montenegro, Angola, the Sudan, Nepal, Paraguay, Algeria, Ethiopia, Burundi, Côte d'Ivoire, Afghanistan, Mexico, Costa Rica and South Africa, at their request, to take a seat at the Committee's table.

Statements were made by the representatives of Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Argentina, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Cyprus, Guinea, Mozambique, Sri Lanka, Djibouti, Egypt, Jamaica, Mauritius, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, the Syrian Arab Republic, Chile, Venezuela, Spain, the Congo, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Marshall Islands, Serbia and Montenegro, Angola, the Sudan, Nepal, Paraguay, Algeria, Ethiopia, Burundi, Côte d'Ivoire, Afghanistan, Mexico, Costa Rica and South Africa.

2nd meeting

Item 166 (continued)

Statements were made by the representatives of Malawi, Saint Lucia, Madagascar, the United Kingdom, France, Turkmenistan, the Netherlands, Equatorial Guinea, Cape Verde and Haiti.

In accordance with rule 43 of the rules of procedure, statements were made by the representatives of the Dominican Republic, Tuvalu, Grenada, Nicaragua and El Salvador.

The General Committee decided to invite the representatives of Nigeria, Greece, Sierra Leone, Brazil, Guatemala, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Tunisia, Lebanon, the Republic of Moldova, the United Republic of Tanzania, Belarus, Panama, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Lesotho, Ukraine, Indonesia, Georgia, Zambia, Timor-Leste, Gabon, Namibia, Cambodia, Cuba, Mongolia, Romania, Azerbaijan, Mauritania, Malta, Guyana, Zimbabwe, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Uganda, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Benin, the Comoros and Pakistan, at their request, to take a seat at the Committee's table.

Statements were made by the representatives of Nigeria, Greece, Sierra Leone, Brazil, Guatemala, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Tunisia, Lebanon, the Republic of Moldova, the United Republic of Tanzania, Belarus, Panama, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Lesotho, Ukraine, Indonesia, Georgia, Zambia, Timor-Leste, Gabon, Namibia, Cambodia, Cuba, Mongolia, Romania, Azerbaijan, Mauritania, Malta, Guyana, Zimbabwe, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Uganda, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Benin, the Comoros and Pakistan.

The General Committee decided not to recommend the inclusion of this item in the agenda.

Item 167

In accordance with rule 43 of the rules of procedure, the representative of Georgia (on behalf of the GUUAM) made a statement.

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include this item in the agenda.

Item 168

In accordance with rule 43 of the rules of procedure, the representative of Uganda made a statement.

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include this item in the agenda.

The representative of the Netherlands made a statement.

Item 23 and item 164

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include an item 23 as follows :

23. Sport for peace and development:

(a) Building a peaceful and better world trough sport and the Olympic ideal;

(b) International Year of Sport and Physical Education.

Allocation of items (Section V)

The General Committee took note of the information contained in paragraph 48 of the memorandum dealing with guidelines for the allocation of items.

The General Committee took note of paragraph 49 of the memorandum concerning the criteria and procedures for the granting of observer status in the General Assembly.

Item 163

The General Committee decided to recommend that the item 163 should be allocated to the Fifth Committee.

Item 165

The General Committee decided to recommend that the item should be allocated to the Sixth Committee.

Item 167

The General Committee decided to recommend that the item should be allocated to the Sixth Committee.

Item 168

The General Committee decided to recommend that the item should be allocated to the Sixth Committee.

Item 10

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it hear a brief presentation by the Secretary-General of his annual report prior to the opening of the general debate.

Item 12

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the suggested allocation of various parts of the report of the Economic and Social Council as contained in paragraph 53 of the memorandum.

Item 19

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the allocation for item 19 suggested in paragraph 54 of the memorandum.

Item 23

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item be considered directly in plenary meeting.

Item 31

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item on the question of Cyprus be allocated at an appropriate time during the session.

Item 33

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the same procedure for the fifty-eighth session concerning item 33 mentioned in paragraph 56 of the memorandum.

Item 48

The General Committee took note of paragraph 57 of the memorandum.

Items 49, 119 (b), 119 (d)

The General Committee took note of paragraph 58 of the memorandum.

Item 51

The General Committee took note of paragraph 59 of the memorandum.

Item 60

The representative of the United Kingdom made a statement.

The General Committee decided to recommend that the item should also be allocated to the Fifth Committee for the sole purpose of considering the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Improvements to the current process of planning and budgeting " and "Intergovernmental review of the medium-term plan and the programme budget."

Item 74

The General Committee decided to recommend that the paragraphs of the annual report of the International Atomic Energy Agency dealing with the subject matter of item 74 should be drawn to the attention of the First Committee in connection with its consideration of that item.

Item 106 (b)

The General Committee took note of paragraph 61 of the memorandum.

Item 112

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the allocation for the annual report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Program on the operations, management and budget of the United Nations Development Fund for Women suggested in paragraph 62 of the memorandum.

Item 124

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the plenary the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee), the Second Committee and the Third Committee review the relevant recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination and transmit all relevant comments to the Fifth Committee, as suggested in paragraph 63 of the memorandum.

Item 130

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that item 130 should be allocated to the Fifth Committee for its consideration, and to the Sixth Committee for the sole purpose of considering the question of an amendment to the Statute of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal as suggested in paragraph 64 of the memorandum.

The General Committee then proceeded to consider the allocation of items of the draft agenda in paragraph 65 of the memorandum.

Plenary items

The General Committee decided to recommend the allocation of items proposed in document A/BUR/58/1, taking into account the decision taken regarding item 29 and excluding item 30.

First Committee items

The General Committee decided to recommend the allocation of items proposed in document A/BUR/58/1.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) items

The General Committee decided to recommend the allocation of items proposed in document A/BUR/58/1, taking into account the decision taken regarding item 92.

Second Committee items

The General Committee decided to recommend the allocation of items proposed in document A/BUR/58/1.

Third Committee items

The General Committee decided to recommend the allocation of items proposed in document A/BUR/58/1.

Fifth Committee items

The General Committee decided to recommend the allocation of items proposed in document A/BUR/58/1, taking into account the decision taken regarding item 60.

Sixth Committee items

The General Committee decided to recommend the allocation of items proposed in document A/BUR/58/1, taking into account the decisions taken regarding items 130, 165, 167 and 168.

Convention on the Rights of the Child

Committee on the Rights of the Child
Thirty-fourth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

Thursday, 18 September 2003

896th–897th meetings *Consideration of reports by States parties* . . . . . [4]

The Committee began and concluded the examination of the second periodic report of New Zealand (CRC/C/93/Add.4).

The Committee also concluded the examination of the initial report of New Zealand under the Optional Protocol on the Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict (CRC/C/OPAC/NZL.1).

In accordance with the Committee's provisional rules of procedure, representatives of the State party were present at the meetings and replied to questions raised and observations made by members of the Committee.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity. Montreal, 29 January 2000

Accession: Tonga (18 September 2003)[1]

Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

Signature of and deposit of instruments of ratification or accession relating to the above Protocol

United Nations Headquarters (23–26 September 2003)

Delegations that intend to sign or deposit instruments of ratification or accession relating to the Optional Protocol during the Focus 2003 Treaty Event are advised to contact the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs to arrange appointments (room S-3200; tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail untreaty@un.org).

It is noted that the Protocol is open for signature by any State that has signed the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. It is further noted that the Protocol is subject to ratification by any State that has ratified or acceded to the Convention, and is also open to accession by any State that has ratified or acceded to the Convention.

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Treaty event

Focus 2003: Treaties against transnational organized crime and terrorism

United Nations Headquarters (23–26 September 2003)

Signature of and deposit of instruments relating to multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General

The Treaty Event will take place from 23 to 26 September 2003 at Headquarters, in a special room located on the ground floor of the General Assembly Building (near the Delegates' Entrance in the Kuwaiti boat area).

Delegations that have notified the Secretary-General, in response to his letter of 2 April 2003, and those still intending to do so, of their intention to sign or deposit instruments relating to multilateral treaties under his custody, in particular those relating to transnational organized crime and terrorism, are advised to contact the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs to promptly arrange appointments (room S-3200; tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org).

It is recalled that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties on behalf of States without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign treaties must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of specified treaties by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities.

Other announcements

Security announcements

The Permanent and Observer Missions are reminded that for security reasons, the garage will be closed for parking at 8 p.m. on Sunday, 21 September 2003, and will reopen to authorized vehicles at 4 a.m. on Monday, 22 September 2003. All vehicles must be removed from the garage not later than 8 p.m. on Sunday, until the reopening of the garage on Monday. Remaining vehicles will be towed and stored at the owner's expense.

Special workshop on "Private-public Partnerships in the Field of HIV/AIDS – The Accelerating Access Initiative (AAI)"

On the occasion of the high-level plenary meetings of the General Assembly on HIV/AIDS, there will be a special workshop on "Private-public Collaboration in the Field of HIV/AIDS – The Accelerating Access Initiative (AAI)", organized by the Business Council for International Understanding, in collaboration with the World

Health Organization (WHO), the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), as well as private sector entities. The workshop will take place on Monday, 22 September 2003, from 12.30 to 2.30 p.m. at the West Terrace (4th floor of the United Nations Building). Ms. Marika Fahlén, Director, Focal Point and Access Care, UNAIDS; Dr. Jack Chow, Assistant Director-General for HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, WHO; Dr. Joy Phumaphi, Assistant Director General, Community Health, WHO; H.E. Mr. Sichan Siv, Ambassador, Representative to the Economic and Social Council (United States); and Dr. Kalman Miszei, Assistant Administrator, UNDP, will be among the participants. Members of permanent and observer missions are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Michael Sipos or Ms. Krystyna Gut (tel. 1 (212) 490-0460).

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